

Attending & Presenting at the 10th International Bielefeld Conference

Report to BII (Bibliothek und Information International)

It was my pleasure to be able to come to Germany and present at the 10th International Bielefeld Conference in Bielefeld, Germany on 26 April 2012. I was in Germany for one-month German language training at the Goethe-Institut in Munich. The grant from BII has enabled me to travel to Bielefeld and attend the conference.

The title of my presentation was “**Libraries' Syndicated Contents for the Digital Natives' Era**”.



It talks about syndicated contents and how libraries can also become consumers as well as producers of syndicated contents. As consumers libraries can utilize syndicated contents from other sources to enrich their information services. As producers libraries can utilize syndicated contents produced in-house to enrich their information services as well as to expand their promotional and outreach programs to various communities, beyond their traditional boundaries.

Some of the issues raised in the conference and that are of interest to me were the Open Access and (scientific) Data Curation issues. Recent developments in scholarly publishing – where thousands of leading researchers/scientists have boycotted journal publisher(s) and sent open letter(s) to journal publisher(s) – have only underlined the importance of the Open Access issues. It's interesting to me to witness a representative from a well-known journal publisher presented some justifications for the journals' high price. For me it's a sign of shifting trend towards a more balanced power between journal publishers and libraries/research institutions. Scientific Data Curation is also a hot topic that has been circulating in academic libraries circle for several years now. The importance of this issue is highlighted by the fact that several Library and Information Science schools have established certain track in their curriculum – or even a special program – for Data Curation.

Another interesting topic was the plan for Mendeley (Citation & Document Management application) to integrate its services with institutional repositories, which in my opinion is a great strategy that can have huge impacts on the scientific communities and landscapes.

During the conference I had the opportunity to talk to BII's representative (Benjamin Blinten) and learn a little bit about BII's programs. The conversation has given me some ideas for Germany-Indonesia collaborations that I can discuss further with Goethe-Institut Jakarta.

I also had the chance to talk to several people (speakers and participants) during the conference and get to know them and their works. Among them are three people, who are potential candidates for speakers at the Indonesian Digital Libraries Conference (KPDI – Konferensi Perpustakaan Digital Indonesia) that is held annually in Indonesia since 2008 under the auspices of the National Library of the Republic of Indonesia. As follow ups I have recommended those names to the Steering Committee of KPDI that will convene at its first business meeting on 14 April 2012 in Jakarta. I have also talked to Goethe-Institut Jakarta on the possibilities of sponsoring a German speaker for the 5th Indonesian Digital Libraries Conference that will be held on 06-08 November 2012 in East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.



Bielefeld University with its unique campus' long corridor that conform to its "under one roof" policy.



Bielefeld University Library with its long corridors that conform to its buildings' structure

A visit to Bielefeld University Library was also arranged by the conference organizer. I find the campus very interesting since it has an "under one roof" policy for its buildings. The campus is made of mostly some big buildings that connect to one another by a long corridor. I was told that it was the vision of its founder to have a space that could facilitate communications among its occupants. The library occupies the whole second floor and is divided into the south and north wing. Each wing is a very long corridor that houses the library collections and its various service points and offices. I believe this is the first time for me to see such concept being implemented in a European campus. Most campuses would consist of many separate buildings.

Lastly during my stay in Bielefeld I also got the chance to enjoy the city. The old city quarter and the Tierpark are my favorites. I got the opportunities to see the differences between Munich and Bielefeld, as well as their commonalities (landscapes, buildings, transportation systems, people, and the general atmosphere).

Attending and presenting at this conference has benefited me both professionally and personally. I get to know new colleagues and ideas that I can develop further. Thanks to BII for its generous in supporting me to attend and present at the 10th International Bielefeld Conference.

Documents related to my presentation:

Abstract <http://conference.ub.uni-bielefeld.de/programme/abstracts/nugraha.htm>

PPT http://conference.ub.uni-bielefeld.de/programme/presentations/Nugraha_BC2012.pdf

Pictures http://www.ub.uni-bielefeld.de/biblio/fotos/2012/conf/26_4_2012/Vortraege/pages/BiConf_26042012%20055.htm
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